

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 75-97 are pending. No claims have been amended by this response. Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

II. Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 75-97 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,241,784 (the '784 patent) and over claims 1-50 of U.S. Patent No. 6,342,078 (the '078 patent).

Applicants disagree with these rejections. Nevertheless, in order to expedite prosecution, and without acquiescing to the rejections, Applicants file herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over the '784 and '078 patents. The Terminal Disclaimer obviates the double patenting rejections and puts claims 75-97 in condition for immediate allowance.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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